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Regional / State Baha'i Councils
Selected Local Spiritual Assemblies

Dear Baha'i Friends,

The National Spiritual Assembly has approved with effect from August 2008 the enclosed policy for the registration of children and junior youth in the membership records of the community.

This policy supersedes all earlier guidance that may have been provided by the National Spiritual Assembly on this subject and we are confident that all institutions in India will adhere to this.

Please ensure that arrangements are made to translate the text into your regional languages for the benefit of your local communities.

With loving Baha'i greetings,

Ms. Nazneen Rowhani
Secretary
National Spiritual Assembly

POLICY FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN AND JUNIOR YOUTH

- Children of Baha'i parents will be registered as Bahá'ís

- Children in families where one parent is a Baha'i will also be registered in the Baha'i community

- If any person under the age of fifteen (15), neither of whose parent is a Baha'i wishes to register, the institutions concerned should seek the guidance of the National Spiritual Assembly.

cc: Counsellors in India

Department of Statistics
National Institute Coordinating & Advisory Board